

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: EDUCATION & SOCIAL CARE	
Service: CHILDCARE	
Income	(£000s)
Fees / charges	4
<p>Description:</p> <p>Moray Childcare Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports the expansion and sustainability of high quality registered childcare across Moray. This includes childminders, breakfast clubs, day care, pre-school, crèches, developmental playgroups, 2-3 groups, after school clubs and holiday play schemes. • procures childcare services which meet needs in localities or for groups of children. Currently a contract with Direct Childcare to provide a crèche in Tomintoul at a cost of £8,340 per year. This ends on 31 March 2015. Additionally Cornerstone were procured to provide holiday play schemes and clubs for children with additional support needs at a cost of £55,826 per year until 31 March 2014 with the possibility of extending for a further year. • Grant funding is also available for childcare providers to bid into. This is administered by Moray Childcare Partnership with all bids scrutinised and approved by the Early Years Strategy Group. • administers a fund made up of contributions from Education and Social Care and NHS to support the work of the developmental playgroups. • tasked to provide appropriate training in order to ensure a skilled workforce with appropriate qualifications. Organise an annual training prospectus which offers continual professional development courses and all childcare providers can apply for places. During financial year 2012/2013 the following is available: 19 courses; 343 places available; 165 attending • Accredited training has been procured from Moray College to ensure managers and their staff meet the Scottish Social Services Council requirements for registration as a day care of children worker. • provides advice and guidance for childcare workers, parents and professionals – face to face, telephone, email and on the web through the Childcare Partnership website and the Childcare Information Service. It is a national expectation that Childcare Partnerships develop into Family Information Services in line with the Scottish Government Early Years Framework. • Liaison with other Moray Council services, NHS Grampian, Moray College, Grampian Fire and Rescue, the Care Inspectorate, etc. • MCP aims to ensure that each area of Moray has appropriate childcare in place where there is an identified need. • Moray Childcare Partnership works with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childminders registered with the Care Inspectorate • Childcare Provisions registered with the Care Inspectorate • General Public 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professionals• Other Local Authority Childcare Information Services (ChIS) |
| <p>Outcomes / impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Early Years Framework describes the role of Childcare Partnerships in developing Scottish Government's vision for the early years.• Scottish Government has a vision for Scotland's children which will be supported and regulated in the Children and Young People Bill currently being consulted on.• The service is supporting the establishment of a fully qualified workforce.
Managers qualified or working towards qualification - 85%
Practitioners qualified or working towards qualification - 95%
Support workers qualified or working towards qualification - 76%• Support from Moray Childcare Partnership has contributed to providers receiving positive Care Inspectorate reports.• Financial support for groups – sustainability or new provision. |